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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fresno – Fresno City College Student Arrested After Hostage Situation with Instructor

(U) Fresno Police say a Fresno City College student is in custody after he went to an instructor's house with a gun and got into a "physical disturbance" with her yesterday morning. Witnesses say the student held the woman at gunpoint. A neighbor who is a retired deputy came to the instructor's defense, but authorities did not release further information about his involvement. When the police arrived at the house, the suspect surrendered to officers. The name of the suspect has not been released at this time. SOURCE: 10 December 2020, ABC News

(U) San Diego - Shipment of Illicit COVID-19 Tests Seized Off Flight at San Diego Airport

(U) A shipment that arrived at the San Diego International Airport from Mexico labeled as "plastic card," was discovered to be two parcels holding 251 illicit COVID-19 testing kits, authorities said this week. The 1 December seizure at the Port of San Diego is part of a larger trend seen at border crossings and commercial ports, as the black market rises to profit off the demand for testing. Shipments of tests that are fake, mislabeled or not approved by the FDA have been seen since the early days of the pandemic, with port seizures reported in Rochester, New York, Chicago, Indianapolis and elsewhere.

SOURCE: 10 December 2020, San Diego Union Tribune

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize Over \$1 Million in Methamphetamine at the Eagle Pass Port of Entry

(U) Eagle Pass – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Eagle Pass Port of Entry seized hard narcotics valued at over \$1 million in two separate, unrelated enforcement actions at the Camino Real International Bridge. The first interception occurred when CBP officers encountered a 2015 Nissan Juke, driven by a 48-year-old US citizen, and referred the vehicle for a secondary examination, resulting in the discovery of seven packages containing 35.05 pounds of alleged crystal methamphetamine concealed within the vehicle. The second seizure occurred when CBP officers encountered a 2010 GMC Terrain, driven by a 23-year-old US citizen, and referred the vehicle for a secondary examination, resulting in the discovery of 12 packages containing 15.7 pounds of alleged crystal methamphetamine hidden within the vehicle. The seized methamphetamine has an estimated street value of \$1,014,998.

SOURCE: 10 December 2020, CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Iowa – FBI Warns Scammers Will Offer Way to Get Vaccine Fast for a Fee

(U) Des Moines – Special Agent Bryan VanDeun, a white-collar crimes supervisor with FBI Omaha, and other federal officials are warning that with a vaccine on the horizon, scammers may be trying to take advantage of you, promising a place in line or to jump the line to get a vaccine for a price. Whether by phone, text or email, VanDeun says be wary of anything unsolicited. Don't give out your personal, health

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insurance or financial information. Beware of scammers pretending to be medical professionals or government officials announcing a vaccine or cure, especially since nothing has been approved fully yet. SOURCE: 10 December 2020, KCRA

(U) Texas – Clinic Employees Sentenced for Conspiring to Unlawfully Prescribe Opioids

(U) Houston – A Houston-area pain clinic owner and a clinic employee who posed as a physician were sentenced to 240 months and 96 months in prison, respectively, today for their roles at a "pill mill" where they and their co-conspirator illegally prescribed hundreds of thousands of doses of opioids and other controlled substances.

SOURCE: 10 December 2020, US DOJ

(U) Utah - Teen Arrested After Calling in Fake Bomb and Shooter Threats at School

(U) Cedar City – A 15-year-old boy in Utah was arrested Tuesday in connection to calling in fake threats of a bomb and a shooter at a high school this week, investigators said. Officers responded to Cedar High School on Monday after receiving a report of a potential bomb threat. After the school was evacuated and placed on lockdown, investigators determined the threat was a hoax. On Tuesday, a second hoax phone call was made about a man clad in all black and wielding a gun on campus, police said. Hours after the second call, investigators determined the hoax calls came from a stolen cell phone. Police said video evidence and information from the cell phone provider pointed to the 15-year-old suspect, who was subsequently arrested and charged.

SOURCE: 10 December 2020, Fox News

(U) Washington – Man Arrested After Threatening to Blow Up County Democrats Office

(U) Spokane – Police have arrested a man in Spokane Wednesday morning after he allegedly entered the county Democrats' headquarters and threatened to blow it up. Authorities said the man entered the Teamsters building, located at Indiana and Division street, wearing a backpack with wires sticking out, saying he had a bomb. As a volunteer called 911 and those in the building evacuated, the suspect allegedly entered an office with an employee working and said he was going to blow it up. SOURCE: 10 December 2020, ABC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Indonesia – Senior Leader of Al-Qa'ida-Linked Jemaah Islamiah and Bomb Expert Arrested

(U) Klaten – A senior leader of the al-Qa'ida-linked Jemaah Islamiah (JI), the group behind the devastating Bali bombings, has been arrested in Indonesia along with one of the group's expert bomb makers, a senior security source said yesterday. JI was behind all the deadliest terror attacks in Indonesia from 1998 to 2010 before it was weakened by Indonesian counterterrorism police, who arrested hundreds of its members during the period, including several leaders. The security source identified the leader saying he had been arrested by Indonesian police about two months ago. SOURCE: 10 December 2020, South China Morning Post

(U) Russia - Alleged Suicide Bomb Attack Injures At Least Six Officers Outside FSB Building

(U) Uchkeken – An alleged suicide bomber attacked a security service building in Uchkeken, injuring at least six, news outlets and authorities reported today. The suicide bomber detonated his device outside the regional Federal Security Service (FSB) headquarters. FSB officers had reportedly been inspecting an initial "small" blast outside the building for several hours when the assailant got out of a passing car and

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blew himself up. Officers moved to stop the bomber as he tried to force his way into an area where they were conducting a search operation, the National Counter-terrorism Committee said in a statement. It said six law enforcement officers were "slightly injured" and were receiving medical care. SOURCE: 11 December 2020, Reuters

(U) Syria - Car Bomb Kills at Least Four in Turkish-Controlled North Syria

(U) Ankara – At least four people were killed in a Turkish-controlled region of northern Syria yesterday when a car bomb detonated at a checkpoint in the border town of Ras Al Ain, according to a Turkish official and a war monitor. The governor's office in the Turkish town of Sanliurfa identified the dead as two Turkish police gendarmes and two members of local Syrian security forces. It blamed the blast on the Syrian Kurdish YPG, which Ankara views as a terrorist group.

SOURCE: 10 December 2020, Reuters

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